



Dear Hill Enders & Tambaroorians

Well, what a busy year it has been so far. And it's almost September, where did it go?

Since our last newsletter, we have had another successful Gathering at Rhodes where our regular attendees and a whole lot of new members spent a most enjoyable day catching up with family and browsing our collection of resources. I hope to see you there next year, on Saturday, 7 March.

Following on from this, our main focus this year has been sorting through all the material that has now arrived in Holtermann's Corner building. We have amalgamated Daphne's Hill End Family History files and our HEATGG files into one sequence to make researching the ancestors easier. Our library of printed books is rapidly expanding.

We have also been working through the Bathurst Regional Council's proposal to close the Tambaroora cemetery, and it is hoped that they have accepted our submission and restored the status quo, albeit awaiting funding to carry out the Cemetery & Crematoria NSW requirements. See further information on page 7 of this newsletter.

If you are planning a visit to Hill End over the October Long Weekend, we'd love to have a few more volunteers helping out at the Community Market on Saturday, 4 October. Spring is one of the best times to visit.

Lorraine Purcell,
Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group Convenor

Holtermann's Corner — open on weekends 11 am–2 pm or by appointment 0412 285 590 or heatgg@yahoo.com.au

Our Family and Local History Centre in the Holtermann's Corner building continues to be successfully run by locals Michelle Brooks (Walpole family) and Sharon Shelton, also a very talented artist, whose expertise is the Bridle Track. We are also training up other volunteers to help out when they can make it to Hill End. We have had volunteers staying there also whilst working on our collections too. They report, so far, that there haven't been any paranormal sightings or nocturnal 4-legged visitors which has been reassuring.

We hope to start soon on collating and digitising the Maris Photo Archives. This wonderful collection includes items donated to Bill and Betty Maris during the 40+ years they were convening the Gathering Group. Betty was a wonderful record keeper, and while we are not sure of the provenance of some of the items, the subjects and locations have been noted on the back of most of them. We are currently investigating suitable hardware and software best suited to digitising these items. Eventually these will be made available online in whatever format we decide on.

As well as our extensive supply of local Hill End district history books, cards and artworks, we now have a small selection of local products including Hill End Estate Jams and 'Renee's Chilli Sauce' for sale. We are planning a new range of Hill End T-shirts which will be ready for summer. Our 'Lavender bags' (full of handpicked lavender and gold flakes sourced from local gardens) have proved very popular as have our small bags of 'gold nugget bubble gum'. Profits from all our sales and donations go towards the expenses in running our Centre.



About the 2025 HEATGG Annual Gathering

Another good turnout to our Annual Gathering again this year and once again we kept a listing of the families represented. It was lovely to welcome our new members and introduce them to their ancestors' neighbours' descendants. It is amazing how many new connections can be made. Let's make 2026 even better and start talking with your family and encourage them to make it a regular get together of the distant branches. We provide the venue and clear up afterwards - you just turn up with your family and lunch if you like. We are looking forward to the Café being open by Saturday 7 March but will keep you posted.

This year we again brought a large number of our hard cover resources for those who are not able to access the collection that is now mostly held in our new premises in Hill End.

The following pioneer families were represented at the 2025 Annual Gathering:

Ackermann	Deadman	Evans	Gudgeon	Long	Pascoe	Smith	Warry
Alder	Dingle	Fitzgerald	Hocking	Longmore	Petrie	Starr	Whittaker
Bryant	Drakeford	Gardiner	Jeffree	McAppion	Porter	Tanner	Willard
Cullen	Elliott	Gaynon	Lawler	Morrison	Rayner	Trudgett	Williams
Dagger	Ellis	Goodwin	Ley	Northey	Sherring	Wardmann	



We hope to see you on the first Saturday in March next year — 7 March 2026.

You can see more photos from the day here:
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/1AodUHhaWg4XHtTY7>

End of an era...

The weekend, 28–29 June 2025 saw the last of the Bald Hill Mine Tours in Hill End for a while. After 30+ years Kerrie Burns has hung up her hard hat and called it a day as she heads into retirement.

The Bald Hill Mine Tours was operated by Kerrie under a lease from the National Parks and Wildlife Service. As this lease has now been returned to them, we remain optimistic that a suitable replacement will be found in the near future.



At the same time, Kerrie has closed her school Goldfield Educational Tours at the Hill End Ranch. Limited accommodation remains available for families and adults. For enquiries or to check availability, please contact her at 0427 301 189.

It would be impossible to say how many thousands of kids had their first ‘bush’ experience and learned the ways of old and gold, as per the NSW school curriculum. Many a visitor who turns up at Holtermann’s Corner starts their conversation with ‘I remember coming here as a kid, with school’. Now these early visitors are bringing their own children to enjoy the same experience.

Kerrie will remain in the Hill End area for the time being as she addresses the challenges posed by kangaroos, pigs, goats, and deer impacting her gardens, and she considers her next steps.

Thanks Kerrie, Renee Waters, Lorraine Miller, Eddie Long, Glenn Woodley, and Sheena Goodwin, Ted Abbott and the rest of the team who, for many years, gave adults and kids alike the real gold and mining experience!



Post Office News

It’s the season for retirement. After 30 years or so, Terry Hocking and his wife Anne, who have been familiar faces at the Hill End Post Office, have decided the time has come to step back and allow someone else to take on the responsibility.

We now welcome Kiran Schutz who has taken on the job on 1 July and hope she has a similarly long and enjoyable time serving the community. Terry would have seen many changes over the years as the work carried out in Post Offices in 2025 is now very different to that when he started. Gone are the days of receiving regular correspondence through letters, postcards, and windowed envelopes containing bills for residents, along with the subsequent process of managing their responses.

A computer never quite made it to the Post Office, the locals deal with most of their correspondence at home via phone, emails and Messenger. However, nowadays, with no home delivery in the village the Post Contractor still arrives daily with a ute load of large parcels to be distributed and so the Post Office is still the place to catch up with neighbours when they come to ‘collect’.



Hill End Post Office c1915 — nothing much has changed other than the instillation of a public phone booth at the front.

The Holtermann Collection — in living colour

Chris Dingle, one of our dedicated volunteers and an accomplished digital artist specialising in the Holtermann Photographic Collection, has undertaken significant work in colouring and animating selected images from the original black and white American & Australasian Photographic Company archive.

Chris has refined a technique that involves meticulously working on each individual pixel, enabling him to apply accurate colours and enhance the vibrancy of the image. He has conducted extensive research on textile colours, construction methods, and trade tools from the 1870s, integrating this knowledge to impart authenticity and depth to the family stories depicted in these photographs.

He is currently developing three series, and the results are available for viewing on the collection's YouTube channel. youtube.com/@chrisdingle1815



- **The Things you see within the Holtermann Collection:** The contents of this collection reveal intricate stories of people and places, particularly when one examines the minute details captured — often unintentionally — by Beaufoy Merlin and Charles Bayliss.
- **The Colour within the Holtermann Collection:** These are individual portraits, mostly from Hill End and Tambaroora, beautifully brought to life with colour and animation along with the biographical stories of the subjects.
- **In the footsteps of Merlin:** This focuses mainly on the A & A photographs of Gulgong and places them in the current day in the same location, along with well researched stories of these places.

Subscribe to Chris's channel and be regularly rewarded with a notification of his ongoing episodes of 1870s life in the district. Don't forget to comment on his work and add more details to his YouTube Channel if you find your ancestors appearing there!



The Illawarra Family History Group Inc, is pleased to host the 40th Annual Conference of the New South Wales and ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc.

Dates: 12, 13 and 14 September, 2025

Theme: They Came From Where?

First Nations people and in recent history every other cultural group came to Australia from somewhere else. Tracking down their origins can be difficult but finding out where they came from, why they came and how they travelled adds to their stories.

Venue: The Fraternity Club,

11 Bourke St., Fairy Meadow. 2519.

Format: The conference will be available in person and also by Zoom.

Registration: familyhistoryconference2025.org.au/

Anzac Day, 2025

The story of the Hill End War Memorial – Lorraine Purcell

On Anzac Day, 2025 I was honoured to be invited to speak at the annual commemorative Service.

My chosen topic was a brief history of the Hill End War Memorial. Serving as a significant landmark, the memorial stands as a testament to Hill End's historic past. Its prominent position at the intersection of Beyers Avenue, Clarke Street, and Tambaroora Street ensures it is a notable feature for both visitors and residents alike.

In 2015, for the Centenary of Anzac, the Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group were privileged to be part of the revitalisation of the Hill End War Memorial. Our contribution was to prepare details for a plaque and a publication listing the names of as many of the military personnel as we could trace in the records who were born here, went to school here or whose families were significant in the district at the time. We located around 174 people who fitted these criteria. These are the names that now adorn the Memorial.

We also researched the story of the actual Memorial, so we can once again remember the challenges, courage, heartache and triumphant return of these brave men and women, because we now know their names, their family connections to the area and what life was like here long after the goldrush.

The first Anzac Day was held throughout Australia on 25 April 1916, marking the first anniversary of the Gallipoli landings in 1915. With the return of these soldiers to Australia during and after the War, further thoughts turned to commemorating the contribution that they had made in the service of their country. In 1920 the Turon Shire was responsible for procuring the gun from the State War Trophy Committee, when such war trophies became available for distribution among local government bodies as memorials to the part played by Australians in the First World War.

The Hill End citizens formed a War Trophy Committee to devise the design and site of their War Memorial. They chose this important location as central to the village where it would be seen by all who passed by. In applying for a war trophy in July 1920 the committee was asked for a list of Units from which captured trophies were to be selected, in order of preference. Of the six Battalions nominated the first choice was the 45th Battalion as there were five soldiers from the district who had been in this Battalion. As a result, the German light machine gun, number 2163 which was captured by this Battalion, was allocated to the town.

This gun, one of 40 such guns captured by them, was dispatched to Sydney by the *S.S. Araluen*, from Melbourne on 7 September 1920 and then travelled by

rail to Kelso where Mr Walter Hodge was responsible for collecting it and delivering it to Hill End.

Initially the gun was intended to be mounted with the Honour Board in the school. However, the Minister of Education at the time issued an order, refusing to allow war trophies to be erected in public schools as he did not believe in the glorification of war. This decree caused considerable discussion amongst councils throughout the state, and it was eventually overturned by the new Minister for Education in early 1922.

However, at a meeting on 2 December 1920 the Committee had already decided to erect a canopy at the junction of Clarke and Tambaroora Streets to house the gun on a concrete plinth. With the assistance of the Turon Shire, who allowed one of their employees, Mr James Walpole, to build the foundations, this design was completed. The original Memorial was a small timber structure with a corrugated iron roof and was commonly known as the 'Gun House' by the locals.

A full report of the unveiling of the War Memorial was presented in the *Mudgee Guardian* on 5 May 1921.

Anzac Day at Hill End was celebrated by the unveiling of a captured German gun, which was placed on a pedestal under a canopy of flags at the junction of Tambaroora and Clarke streets. The memorial had been tastefully decorated by Mrs. A. E. Cook (wife of the Headmaster) and Miss Thompson, assisted by the elder boys and girls of the school.

The day was an ideal one for the occasion and was responsible for bringing out nearly all the residents of Hill End. The gathering was the largest and most representative seen here for some time. The chairman called on Councillor Hodge to present the gun to the town. ... He hoped the work would stand for generations and in days to come those who looked on the gun would remember the noble deeds done by our boys on Anzac Day at Gallipoli.

Two marble plaques were later affixed, the first slab under the machine gun, displayed the following wording:

Hill End
Memento of the Great War 1914–1919
German Machine gun captured by the
45th Battalion A.I.F.

And the second one said:

To the Glory of God
and in honour of Fallen
Members of the A.I.F.
From Hill End and district.
“Till the trumpet shall sound”

The War Memorial received its first renewal in 1930 when the roof was removed, and a decorative wire fence and a wrought iron entrance gate were added as well as a curved arch with the words 'In Remembrance' placed upon it in metal letters. This design was finally unveiled on Sunday 9 November 1930 and a full report appeared in the *National Advocate* on 12 November 1930 (nla.gov.au/nla.news-article159878659)

Time does not stand still in Hill End and the Memorial has undergone several alterations since 1930. Over the years further tablets were added to commemorate the residents of the district who served during later conflicts.

In 1952 a plaque was added with the wording '*In Memory of the Fallen, 1939 – 1945*'. Similar plaques were then added after the Korean and Vietnam Wars with the simple wording dedicated to those who served in Korea between 1950 and 1953 and Vietnam from 1962 until 1973.

The Memorial was again refurbished in 1989 by the Hill End Progress Association with the support

of community. The plinth was brick veneered, and a slate surface was added to the top and the surrounding pathway. The curved arch was replaced with a simple level arch over a new gate.

Twenty five years later, in 2015, for the Centenary of Anzac, the Memorial once again underwent a renewal, and it was restored closer to the original design. Under the guidance of Hill End War Memorial subcommittee of the Hill End and Tambaroora Progress Association the fence and curved archway was reconstructed, the original gate was restored and plaques bearing the names of those from the district, who enlisted to serve their country in the First World War, were added. It was rededicated at the Anzac Day Service on 25 April 2015. It was through the work of this committee, consisting of Jim and Gaye Shanahan, Denis Chamberlain, Robert Fraser Snr, Albert Mobbs, Philip Butler and Rick Burns and with the assistance of the Australian Government's Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program that the Memorial once again takes pride of place in the centre of Hill End.



Lorraine presenting her talk Anzac Day 2025



Barbara laying our wreath 2025



A book, *Golden Diggers* outlining the lives and family details of those on the plaque was launched in the Royal Hall, and copies are available for purchase on the HEATGG website heatgg.org.au/publications/golden-diggers/

A list of servicemen and women included in *Golden Diggers* can be found on our website — heatgg.org.au/publications/golden-diggers-in-preparation/



Tambaroora General Cemetery – Closure of rural cemeteries issue.

A community meeting was held on 18 July in Hill End to discuss the issue of the closure (i.e. no further burials) of the Tambaroora General Cemetery, and the Tambaroora Catholic Cemetery as originally proposed by Bathurst Regional Council.

The Mayor and/or the General Manager have the authority to determine any requests to allow burials within rural cemeteries. Some myths about the current matter of closing the cemeteries were also dispelled.

Two major submissions to Council, outlining alternatives to this closure issue were discussed. The Hill End & Tambaroora Group (HEATGG) covered the social, ancestral and cultural aspects of “closing” the cemetery especially the significance of multigenerational families maintaining links with their ancestors and immediate family. Resident, Warwick Taylor addressed the geology, survey, and boundaries of the various cemeteries as well as cemetery history, church ownership and legal aspects.

As a result of this discussion some questions arose. These were sent to Council via Deputy Mayor, Ben Fry. We received the following response from Mark Kimbel (Manager Recreation) a few days ago. A further meeting of Village representatives will be held in Bathurst on 19 August.

Council Response: (edited version below)

BACKGROUND: The issue of Cemetery management now mandated by the NSW Government has dramatically changed the way that Bathurst’s rural cemeteries have previously been operating. Council’s ongoing discussions with Cemeteries & Crematoria NSW (CCNSW) have clarified cemetery compliance requirements, allowing Council to determine how to manage rural cemeteries in the region. However, major financial challenges remain.

Council at its ordinary meeting held 16 April 2025 resolved in part to:

- Endorse the recommendations and actions in the Director Engineering Services report on managing Council-controlled rural cemeteries in Bathurst Region.
- Refer the various costs that will be required to be able to manage its rural cemeteries to the draft 2025/26 Operational Plan for Council’s consideration.

In effect, Council has resolved the following matters relating to the future management of the Region’s Rural Cemeteries:

- To establish new burial rows at 6 active cemeteries and undertake ground survey works to try and identify whether the areas proposed for future burial opportunities are virgin ground without existing burials.

- Consider construction of niche walls within active cemeteries that don’t have one currently in place.
- Employ a cemetery administration officer to oversee the management of its rural cemeteries
- Employ a maintenance team to undertake the necessary maintenance and upkeep requirements at all active and inactive cemeteries.
- Change its standard practice pertaining to burial opportunities within the active cemeteries, including the following:-
 - Only at-need interment right applications will be permitted, with exception of pre-need for a second burial within an at-need grave interment application.
 - Council will assign the next available grave plot site in the row for each interment reservation application. Choice of locations will not be permitted.
 - Double depth graves will be permitted.

Responses to other questions:

What level of maintenance will they have to provide? — **Fencing, mowing, digging graves, ? what else?**

There will be significant requirements to provide ongoing administrative management and operational maintenance, which Council has never provided, nor does it have the funding or staff resources to administer as a cemetery operator.

As a cemetery operator, Council will need to provide general site maintenance. Examples include regular cemetery inspections, asset condition reporting and infrastructure update/replacement planning, tree inspections and maintenance, ongoing risk assessments rectification programs, compliance reporting to CCNSW, administration of cemetery reservations and general enquiries, development and implementation of policies and procedures to meet regulatory and industry compliance for cemetery management, and then there are general mowing maintenance requirements.

Hill End / Tambaroora Catholic Cemetery

The Hill End Catholic Cemetery is a Cemetery declared as inactive. It is believed that there are processes that can be made to CCNSW to reinstate inactive cemeteries to an active status. This is not feasible at this stage, given the current resource issues.

However, the Catholic Cemetery has been declared by the NSW Government to be under Council’s care and responsibility as the Crown Land Manager, and as such this also makes Council the cemetery operator by default, even though it was originally constructed, operated and managed by a private entity (Roman Catholic Church).

Hill End / Tambaroora General Cemetery

- Council does have lists of those people that are reportedly buried at the Hill End General Cemetery.
- Council does not have detailed spatial data / GIS surveys of any of its rural cemetery sites to exactly identify and map all existing burials and to accurately identify plot coordinates for new reservations. This is now not required by Council in order to provide compliant management of its cemeteries. This change allows future site reservations and burials to be recorded with straightforward, cost-effective methods instead of relying on spatial surveys and formal cemetery plans.
- Council has resolved to investigate the NE corner of the Hill End General Cemetery for the creation of new reservation space for future burials.
- Council will install niche walls in all active cemeteries that currently lack them. The Hill End General Cemetery's niche wall has enough space for ash interments. In the future, a separate wall for memorialisations may be built to offer alternative memorial options where gravestones no longer exist. At present, Council lacks resources for further infrastructure.

Burial Records

Council does have a basic list of reservation information that was transferred from the files of Evans Council and has been recording reservations since the amalgamation. However, these reservations have been basic in nature and do not identify plot location

relevant to the cemetery site. HEATGG has records from numerous sources, accumulated over the years and is happy to provide copies of these to Council.

Is Council prepared to employ a staff member to combine all this info into a database?

Council has resolved to employ a cemetery officer to manage its rural cemeteries, subject to funding becoming available. This Cemetery Officer's position requirements and responsibilities will include the management of all aspects needed to successfully run Council's rural cemeteries i.e. administration, planning, compliance, monitoring and reporting functions needed. They will be responsible for maintaining the database necessary for current regulatory record keeping and reporting and will update existing systems as funding permits.

Public Liability

What sort of public liability insurance and procedures does Council have to cover those people who undertake appropriate volunteer maintenance within the cemeteries?

Due to strict public liability requirements and a more litigious environment, it is increasingly difficult for landowners, including the Council, to offer volunteer-based activities or programs. Volunteers could not provide, carry out or be responsible for the many other regulatory and reporting works that only cemetery operators are required to administer.



Figure 1: Tambaroora General Cemetery — heavy lines indicate possible location for future burials in the North East Corner.

Hill End Happenings: The Golding Sisters

It has come to our attention that there is a new and significant addition to the heritage of Hill End and Tambaroora in the form of a NSW Blue Plaque. This was quietly unveiled in Hill End on 14 July 2025 and honours the contribution that the Golding Sisters made to education and the women's rights movement in the early 1900s. This Blue Plaque is one of 16 new plaques chosen from 184 public nominations and assessed by Heritage NSW and independent historians.



Click or
scan the
QR code



Annie (centre row), Bella (2nd from left, front) and Kate (far right, front) Golding in the Womanhood Suffrage League of New South Wales, 1902. Freeman Studio. Mitchell Library, State Library of New South Wales, [ON 219]

The new plaques are placed at sites connected with the individuals or moments in history. Our plaque has been mounted on the exterior of the Heritage Centre and includes a small QR code which can be used to access further information about their achievements. The installation of each plaque brings added interest to the heritage of an area, encouraging locals to explore their backyards and inviting visitors to learn more about the history of these communities.

The Golding sisters were giants of NSW's women's rights movement and were honoured with a Blue Plaque at the Hill End Historic Site, not far from their native Tambaroora.

Annie, Belle and Kate all started their working lives as teachers in country NSW. Kate was educated at Hill End Public School and in January 1880 began teaching at Tambaroora Public School. Her sister Annie began teaching at Sallys Flat Provisional School in the late 1800s and they later moved to Sydney's inner west where they spearheaded women's activism.

All three joined the Womanhood Suffrage League of NSW, then the Women's Progressive Association, where Annie became President. It was here they advocated for social and domestic reforms supporting women's rights to vote, work, and earn better pay.

In 1899 the Early Closing Act saw improved working conditions for women. Belle became the first female inspector under the Act, and later the first woman to chair a Wages Board.

Kate went on to lead the Women's Organising Committee of the Political Labor League, co-founded the Women's Worker's Union, opened a factory for unemployed needlewomen, became the University of Sydney's first female fellow of the Senate and headed the Benevolent Society of NSW.

Together the sisters fought systemic sexism and were pivotal in the hard-fought battle to deliver women their fundamental rights and the working conditions they deserved.

Hill End Happenings

Retail Therapy

We have a new breed of shopkeepers in Hill End! Situated in our old premises at Northeys Store, **Hill End Merch**, run by Rosie Freeman, presents a wonderful selection of Hill End-centric clothing items, toys, and other memorabilia all focusing on 'Hill End — a town with a heart of gold' as a theme.

And right next door to her our friend Daphne Shead has opened a small outlet **Succulents & Sundries** for her eclectic collection of potted succulents, cards, 2nd-hand goodies, panning equipment and gold samples.

Both shops are open on weekends 10 am – 2 pm and sometimes during school holidays.

Hill End Merch



Succulents & Sundrie



October markets

Our October Long Weekend Community market is on again on Saturday 4 October in the Royal Hall from 9 am – 3 pm.

Come along, take a trip out to Hill End even for the day and enjoy it at the best time of the year. Always great fun for customers. And stallholders, you might even like a table yourself to sell whatever you need to.

Contact our market Coordinators, Ian and Julie by email to book a table (\$15) on markets@heatgg.org.au or phone Lorraine (0408 117 784)for more details.



Hill End Analogue 2025

Hill End Analogue is a biennial festival that celebrates all things analogue, that are fun, educational and inspirational. Held in the historic village of Hill End, made famous in the history of Australian photography through the Holtermann Collection of 1870's glass plate negatives that are in the State Library of NSW.

This year the theme is 'Beauty is fugitive, all is shifting'. Twenty selected artists will interpret the theme of FUGITIVE 2025 and will be exhibiting on the weekend of 14–16 November 2025.

Check out their website as more details come to hand: hillendanalogue.com.au

2026 Calendar

'I saw this scene myself at Tambaroora on a Sunday.' noted George Lacy when he produced this watercolour at Tambaroora in 1852. Animals have been a part of the Goldfields since the very beginning and so we have chosen this as the theme for our 2026 Calendar.

We'll let you know when it can be ordered in time as a Christmas Gift for that Hill End descendant who has everything.



Museums of History NSW

<https://mhnsw.au/>

MHNSW

The history of the Museums of History NSW

While we are a new organisation, our history stretches back many decades. As Museums of History NSW, we were established in 2022 by bringing together the historic houses, museums and collections previously in the care of Sydney Living Museums with the vast archives and records in the NSW State Archives Collection.

The NSW State Archives Collection was established in 1961 under the Archives Act 1960, which created the Archives Authority of NSW. From 1999, under the State Records Act 1998, the collection was under the control of the State Archives and Records Authority of NSW (SARA), one of Australia's pre-eminent archives and records authorities, holding a vast collection of historical records and archives dating back to the European settlement of Australia in 1788. Its core role was to preserve, store, arrange, catalogue and create access to the State Archives Collection. Over the years, the State Archives Collection has grown to include more than 14 million items.

The Historic Houses Trust of NSW, operating as Sydney Living Museums (SLM) since 2014, was established in 1980 to manage, maintain and interpret buildings and places of historic importance for the education and enjoyment of the public. In the early years, the Historic Houses Trust was responsible for just two properties: Vacluse House, home of explorer and statesman William Charles Wentworth and his family, and Elizabeth Bay House, built in 1835 for botanist and colonial secretary Alexander Macleay. The number of sites in the Trust's care subsequently grew to more than 12, including the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Hyde Park Barracks, while the diversity and reach of its activities and programs continued to expand.

In 2019 SARA and SLM entered into a partnership to leverage the synergies and opportunities of their collections and resources, and in 2022 they entered a new chapter together to become Museums of History NSW.

A recent addition to the museum collections — Apprenticeship registers index

In the recent Museums of History NSW Newsletter was an article announcing the new Apprenticeship registers index.

The volumes included in this index form a register of apprentices created by the Department of Industrial Relations and Technology: Apprenticeship Directorate.

The index records: apprentice name, employer's name, trade, date, and registration number of the apprentice.

Record series in the index: NRS-5541-1-[7/6774-6790]

- Date range: 1924–1970
- Entries in the index: c.185,500
- Digital copies available to download
- A volunteer project

About the records

Apprentice	Trade	Date	Remarks
12091	Wright, R. W.	E. R. Hughes	EXPIRED
12092	Wright, R. W.	E. R. Hughes	EXPIRED
12093	Wright, R. W.	E. R. Hughes	EXPIRED
12094	Wright, R. W.	E. R. Hughes	EXPIRED
12095	Wright, R. W.	E. R. Hughes	EXPIRED
12096	Wright, R. W.	E. R. Hughes	EXPIRED
12097	Wright, R. W.	E. R. Hughes	EXPIRED
12098	Wright, R. W.	E. R. Hughes	EXPIRED
12099	Wright, R. W.	E. R. Hughes	EXPIRED
12100	Wright, R. W.	E. R. Hughes	EXPIRED
12101	Wright, R. W.	E. R. Hughes	EXPIRED

Information in the volumes can include registration number of the apprentice, date of commencement of apprenticeship, name of apprentice, employer's name, trade, and remarks such as cancelled, expired, transferred, or released for military service. Later volumes give number, date and name of apprentice (often only an initial and surname).

This new Apprenticeship register index has been made possible by the work of MHNSW volunteers, who have painstakingly indexed and checked each entry over the past 3 years.

You can see this particular Newsletter:

- e.wordfly.com/view?sid=MTYwNV8yMTE4N18xMTI2MDRfNjgwNg&l=6c7e3619-d436-f011-a840-0050569d715d&utm_source=wordfly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=CollectionseNews-May2025N_T&utm_content=version_A&sourceNumber=

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or join the Museums of History NSW for \$85 a year. Read more about membership here: mhnsw.au/get-involved/members/

Was your ancestor a landholder (with stock in 1900)?

Arranged by Post Office district you will find Hill End and neighbouring areas (Hargraves, Pyramul etc) under the Mudgee district. Sofala and surrounds come under Bathurst District. It can be downloaded for future reference and often gives property names or localities no longer in existence.

Yewen's directory of the landholders of New South Wales can be viewed and downloaded from Trove on the link in the reference below. (See pages 333 and 334 for Hill End and Tambaroora.) Yewen, Alfred G. (1900). Yewen's directory of the landholders of New South Wales. Sydney: Farm and Dairy Publishing Co. nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2884989942



Still looking for those illusive ancestors?

If your ancestors weren't buried in Hill End/Tambaroora Cemeteries, then try the listing (up until 2008) available online at library.bathurst.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/bxlibrary/v/1/pdfs/cemetery_index/bathurst-lga-cemeteries-index.pdf

This is a combined index of all the cemeteries covered by documentation prepared back in 2008 and available online on Bathurst Council website. There is also further information regarding the proposed closure of the cemeteries for future burials.

bathurst.nsw.gov.au/Services/Facilities/Parks-Recreation-Cemeteries

The matter is still under discussion, and it is hoped there will be further Community Consultation in the near future.



Tambaroora General Cemetery. The Jeffree graves c 1873 nla.gov.au/nla.obj-148082759 (left) and 2025 (right)

Holtermann's contribution to Australian history now in the oldest library in the world!

The Capitolare holds a collection of over 1,200 manuscripts, including works that are unique in the world. Among its shelves we can trace texts from the most diverse disciplines: theology, law, poetry, philosophy, astronomy, medicine, botany, history and numerous other sciences. This variety testifies to the happy encounter and mutual integration and contamination of religious and secular knowledge that underpin the development of Western culture.

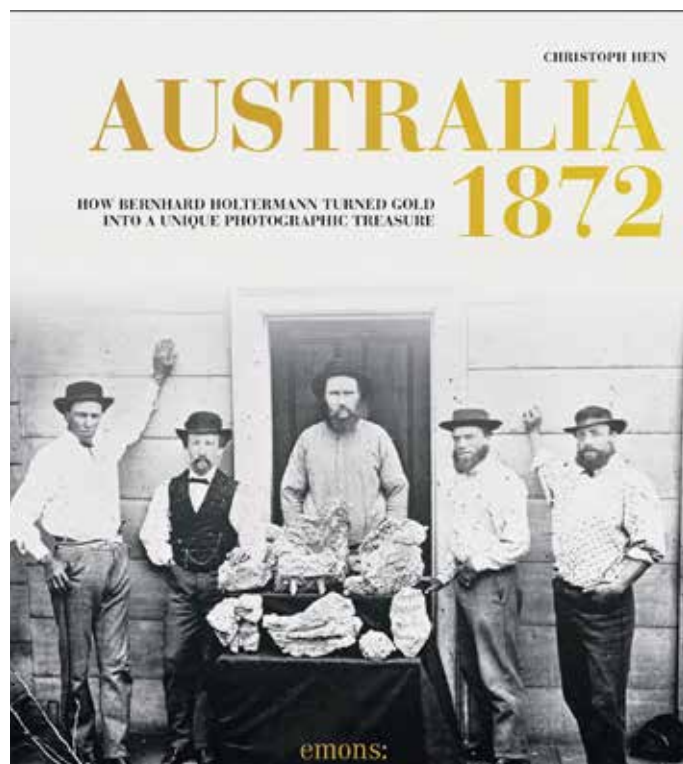
Among the most prestigious works there is the world's oldest copy of *St. Augustine's De Civitate Dei*, written in the early 5th century, when the saint was still alive. Also of fundamental importance are the *Institutions of Gaius*, dating back to the 5th century: the only text of classical Roman jurisprudence in the world to have survived the Byzantine manipulations of the Justinian's reform, which has come down to us in the form of a palimpsest (a 'recycled' manuscript). The *Indovinello Veronese*, a small riddle preserved in an 8th century codex, is the oldest written record of what would become the Italian language, dating back to the late 8th century.

Among the most precious treasures there is *Codex VI*, one of the oldest surviving *purplish gospels* in its entirety, written in elegant silver and gold letters, which moved even St. Bernardine of Siena (1380-1444) because of its beauty and majesty.

The so-called *Ursicinus Codex*, named after its copyist, is proof that the Scriptorium of Verona, at the origins of the Library, was already active at least in the 6th century, as it bears - in addition to the signature of the amanuensis - the indication of place and the date: Verona, the Calends of August in the year of Agapitus' consulate (1 August 517 AD).

Among the most iconic depictions, the so-called *Rateriana Iconography* is the first graphic representation of Verona: an evocative and narrative image, named after the bishop who commissioned it, Raterio of Liège (892-974). The original was lost during the French Revolution; the first copy, made with techniques similar to the original and preserved here, is dated 1739 and belonged to the Veronese intellectual Scipione Maffei.

In addition to its codex collections, the Capitolare Library contains a rich archive of parchments, diplomas and manuscript documents. The Archive of the Capitolare records the activity of the canons of Verona over the centuries and comprises a series of approximately 11,000 parchments, the oldest of which dates back to 710, and 716 folders with



paper documents from the 13th century onwards. In addition to this documentation there are funds donated to the Archive by private individuals and organisations. These materials suffered extensive damage because of the flooding of the Adige River in September 1882.

The Library's collections include numerous other valuable texts and documents: not only manuscripts, but also approximately 100,000 printed volumes, including incunabula, modern and contemporary texts. All these works constitute an extraordinary heritage of knowledge, which has spanned the centuries and the vicissitudes of history and which still fascinates and questions us today.

Hope this finds all of you well!

Members of German-Australian Business Club in Frankfurt, where Chris Dingle and I presented last year, travelled to Verona, Italy. As you might know, there you find the oldest library in the world, the capitolare. (The oldest library in the world | Biblioteca Capitolare di Verona) They were happy to present my book to the librarian.

Hence the story of Holtermann and the photos are now to find in the oldest library globally.

Mit besten Grüßen/ Best regards
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The FamilyHistoryWA project

Are you aware of any of your ancestors who headed to the Kalgoorlie and Eastern Goldfields in the 1890s. Many stayed in the west, while others came back to their families they left behind in Hill End.

A perfect example is Louis Beyers, (Holtermann's partner and brother-in-law) who headed west to the Mt Morgans area about 200 kms NE of Kalgoorlie, with his adult children after contributing so much to the Hill End community. There are a couple of possibilities in this 1908 photo of the Leonora Fire Brigade: The brigade poses in uniform and with their equipment in front of the fire station.

Members identified are standing 2nd from left, James McAppion 4th from left, Cyril Longmore middle row 2nd from left, Henry Critchley, 2nd from right F. Folvig front row left S. Vincent, far right, Michael McAppion.

This project is FamilyHistoryWA's contribution to Western Australia's Bicentenary in 2029 and will also mark the society's 50th anniversary.

The FamilyHistoryWA project team of dedicated volunteers are asking for help as they create a



comprehensive index of the individuals who once resided in Western Australia's ghost towns, to locate all their records and tell their stories. Maybe this is something you might like to contribute to, especially if you have found your family headed west.

Check out their sites:

- FamilyHistoryWA: fhwa.org.au/
- Project Facebook: facebook.com/groups/ghostswa

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Please let us know if you change your email or contact details – we don't want you to miss out on our notifications or newsletters.

A simple way is to reply to the email you receive from membership@heatgg.org.au. At the bottom of these emails you will find a link 'Update' to send updates or 'Unsubscribe' to send an email to let us know you no longer wish to receive Hill End and Tambaroora Gathering Group emails.

Debbie Court – Membership Secretary, Hill End and Tambaroora Gathering Group



Volunteers welcome!

We are always keen to encourage new volunteers who feel that they have skills or an interest in the work of the group to nominate to join the committee or just help out when they can. Now that we have settled into our new premises, it is a good opportunity to consider whether you have time to join us on some of our very interesting ventures.

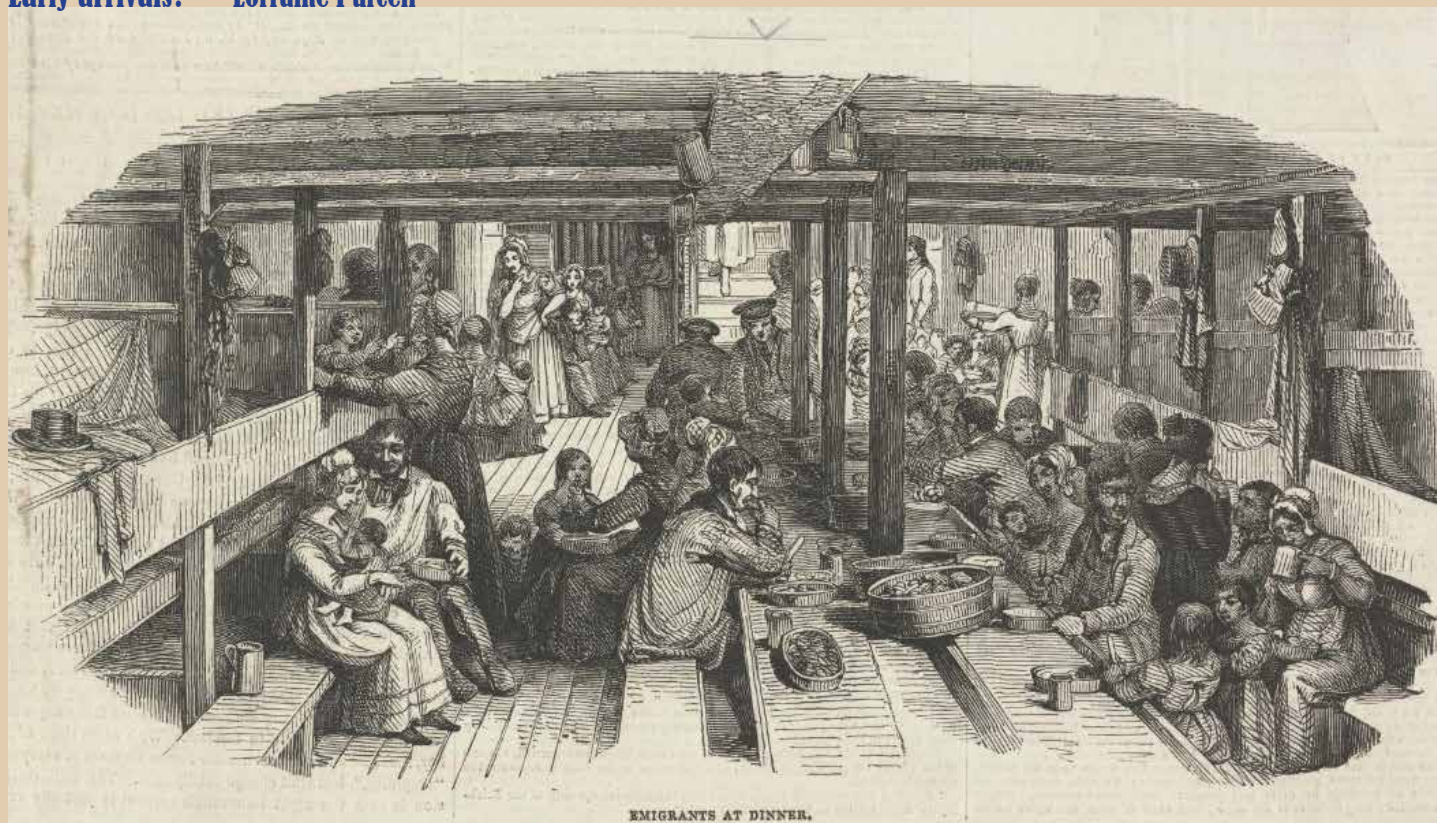
We have become aware of a number of smaller projects that can be carried out 'remotely'. It may be transcribing or retyping old documents or updating digital records. We have something for everyone if you would like to be part of our volunteer team. Learn new skills!

We are especially looking for members who can help at our Family History Centre in Hill End on weekends or during the week. If you have an interest in the family or local history of the area and enjoy learning more and sharing your knowledge, then we would love to hear from you. If you live 'locally' – within an hour's drive from Hill End and can spare a day or so once a month this is a great opportunity to help us out in our Centre.

If you live not so 'local', you might like to take a few days and stay in Hill End. Basic accommodation can be provided at a very nominal cost too.

Contact Lorraine for more details (0408 117 784 or email heatgg@yahoo.com.au)

Early arrivals? — Lorraine Purcell



The following resource may be of interest to those researching their very early ancestors in the colony, pre-1840. Whilst not necessarily a new site, it has escaped our notice, as we have previously concentrated our research from the goldrushes onwards (1850 +).

Marriages and de facto relationships, deaths and burials in the colony of New South Wales under the governorships of:

- Capt. Arthur Phillip RN and Capt. John Hunter RN 1788–1800
- Capt. Philip Gidley King RN and Capt. William Bligh RN 1801–1810
- Colonel Lachlan Macquarie 1811–1820
- Sir Thomas Brisbane and Sir Ralph Darling 1821–1830
- Sir Richard Bourke and Sir George Gipps 1831–1840.

It is compiled edited and published by Dr Craig James Smee. The author may be contacted by simply emailing the site at craigjamesmee@gmail.com

Check it out at fellowshipfirstfleeters.org.au/cjsmee_database/bdm0.htm

This work attempts to record all births, baptisms, marriages, deaths and burials for the fifth decade of settlement in the colony of New South Wales, that is from 1831 until 1840.

Principle sources of information

The major sources of information presented in this work were derived from:

1. Anglican Churches — New South Wales — Church Registers
2. Catholic Churches — New South Wales — Church Registers
3. Presbyterian Churches — New South Wales — Church Registers
4. The Pioneer Register — Dr C J Smee.

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